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Sir:

RULE 111 REPLY

This Reply is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 in response to an Office Action mailed 06/14/2005. The period for response was set to expire in three months, i.e., on 9/14/2005. A request for a one month extension of time to 10/14/2005 accompanies this Reply.